

REMARKS

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on May 27, 2005. Claims 6, 12, 26-31, 35, 38, 45, 48 and 51-105 were examined in the Office Action; claims 51, 53-57, 59, 60, 62-68, 70-77 and 79 have been cancelled herein and claims 52, 58, 61, 69 and 78 have been amended herein, leaving claims 6, 12, 26-31, 35, 38, 45, 48, 52, 58, 61, 69, 78 and 80-105 pending. Applicants submit that the amended claims do not raise any issues of new matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections for the reasons that follow.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 51, 53-57, 60, 62-66, 68 and 70-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Uckert et al (U.S. Pre-Grant Publication No. 2003/0027934) as evidenced by *Hawley's condensed chemical dictionary*, 14th edition. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's assessment, claims 51, 53-57, 60, 62-66, 68 and 70-77 have been cancelled without prejudice in order to facilitate allowance of the case, thereby mooting this rejection. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application claiming subject matter recited in these cancelled claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 59, 67 and 79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uckert et al. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's assessment, claims 59, 67 and 79 have been cancelled without prejudice in order to facilitate allowance of the case, thereby mooting this rejection. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application claiming subject matter recited in these cancelled claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 6, 12, 26-31, 35, 38, 45, 48 and 80-105. The Examiner also indicated that claims 52, 58, 61, 69 and 78 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Claims 52, 58, 61, 69 and 78 have been amended to include all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims, putting these claims in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

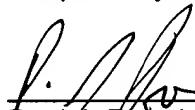
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The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his thorough review of the claims in this application. Further, the Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the application be passed to allowance. In the event the Examiner has questions or comments and a telephone conversation would expedite a resolution, the Applicant invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (303) 629-3400.

The Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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